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Applicant: KUBOTA et al. Conf.: 9805  
Appl. No.: 09/581,594 Group: 1751  
Filed: June 15, 2000 Examiner: L. DOUYON  
For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING DETERGENT  
PARTICLES

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

March 27, 2002

Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated September 27, 2001, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A process for preparing detergent particles, comprising the steps of:

(I): mixing a base particle for supporting a surfactant

((a) component); and 15 to 100 parts by weight of a surfactant composition ((b) component), based on 100 parts by weight of said (a) component, the base particle having an average particle size of from 150 to 500  $\mu$ m, a bulk density of 400 g/L

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